

**Welcome** to Wells & Mendip Museum's newsletter with information about exhibitions, talks, events and developments at the Museum. If you would like to receive a copy by e-mail please contact [admin@wellsmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@wellsmuseum.org.uk)

**Opening hours:** Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm. Closed Sundays.

### **SMALL ART EXHIBITIONS IN MEETING ROOM**

The late Peter Coate, a prominent local artist, long held an ambition to find a display area in Wells where artists from across the region can showcase their work. We are pleased to be able to provide this facility, with the intention that it will be a regularly changing exhibition to allow as many artists to exhibit as possible.

If you are interested in exhibiting in this area, or for more details, please email your contact details to: Christine Quinn [admin@wellsmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@wellsmuseum.org.uk)

### **THE REMAINING PICTURES FROM THE STUDIO OF PETER COATE EXTENDED UNTIL 20 JUNE**

There are still a few days remaining of an exhibition and sale of the residue of paintings from the studio of the Late Peter Coate. A member of The Royal West of England Academy. Peter produced many fine works during his lifetime, in oil, watercolour and other mediums. Many of these paintings are of the Somerset countryside, particularly The Levels, and are rich in local historical interest, documenting the changing nature of the county's buildings and landscape.



**These remaining works are being offered for sale at greatly reduced prices, the proceeds of which are being donated to the Somerset Wildlife Trust, much beloved by Peter, and to the Museum.**

**Don't miss the chance to own an original painting from a much-loved and respected local artist!!**

**25 JUNE – 30 JULY**

**ART EXHIBITION BY PAULINE SPICER**



Pauline has been painting with watercolour for more years than she cares to think about. She briefly tried other mediums but always come back to her first love, watercolour.

Before moving to Somerset she lived and painted in Dorset with some success.

She belongs to Draycott Art Club and has been a staunch member since its inception 6 years ago.

**Normal Museum Entry Fees Apply**

## **1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR EXHIBITION ROOM SHOW**

### **“The Challenging Road to Peace Since the First World War” – a special exhibition at the museum 21 June – 28 July**

We need to learn from the past to create a better future. This exhibition looks at the slide into WW1 and then considers its legacy. It highlights the changes in international relations over the past 100 years, looks at structures and attitudes that make war an ever-recurring risk and asks what can be done to create a more peaceful world.

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## **NEWS FROM WELLS CITY ARCHIVES**

**Southover History Street Party** - We're delighted to be contributing to the exciting Southover History Street Party, which will be taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Julia and Jonathan have run two House History Workshops, and have also organised special Reading Room research sessions. We'll be supplying images of historic maps and other documents held in the City Archives (including my favourite Sewerage Map of 1860!), and have provided some research ourselves. Did you know that there used to be a “Church of the Good Shepherd” in Southover?

**German visitors** - A group of visitors from Naumburg Cathedral in Lower Saxony came with their Wells hosts to a presentation by Julia on the historic City Charters. Several of these ancient documents were also put out on display, and attracted much interest.

**Catalogue and digitisation** - Julia and Jonathan have been focusing on finishing the Archives catalogue. We're presently adding the posters, maps and plans. Sterling Archives volunteers have been continuing with a couple of Archives digitisation projects: the Petty Sessions database and ScraseBase (which contains Tony Scrase's data about Wells properties). Tony is kindly sharing all his information on Southover properties with those doing research for the Southover Street Party.

**New-style Archives Reading Room** – Reading Room sessions in the Lecture Hall have been continuing on a monthly basis and are very popular. If you would like to come to one and do some research, just make an appointment with Julia via [archives@wellsmuseum.org.uk](mailto:archives@wellsmuseum.org.uk).

**Laptop** – Very many thanks to *Just Ales* of Market Street, who generously donated their old laptop to the City Archives. It is hugely appreciated.

**“LEST WE FORGET” – A “WELLS REMEMBER” PUBLICATION by Sue Curragh** – This book will give information about all the men named on the Wells War Memorial who died in World War One. It has been written by Sue Curragh of the Museum's 'Wells Remembers' group, and other Museum volunteers are presently providing additional information, including images. It will be published by the Museum in time for Armistice Day.

The text and images relating to those men listed on the Methodist Church's First World War Memorial will be on display at the Southover History Street Party.

## **A TRIBUTE TO PAUL DEAR**



Paul Dear, who had been a member of the museum's volunteer maintenance team for 3 years after nearly 30 years of service

the South Bristol Police Force, sadly passed away on 30 May

a long battle with cancer. Paul was a much-valued asset to the museum, and a good friend to many. He will be greatly missed.

## **FINDS IDENTIFICATION DAY**

**Thursday 21 June 11am – 3pm**

Laura Burnett, the Finds Liaison Officer for Somerset County Council, will be available to identify your finds from digging your garden or while walking your dog.

**No charge or booking necessary**

## **OTHER EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM**

**Wednesday 13 June at 7.30pm – “At Cedars Hall”**

An award winning building in the City of Wells and Summer social event: Bill Lloyd, the Creative Programmer and Director, will talk about how the new music venue has impacted on the school and on the City. **Wells Civic Society**

**Friday 15 June at 7.30pm – “A Presentation on Astrophysics”**

by Mark Woodland BSc (Open) MInstP FRAS

Astrophysics is all around us. We'll explore aspects from spacecraft navigation to black hole photography, other worlds, and parallel universes! Join us as we take a voyage through the astrophysical universe. The talk is open to the public and all are welcome.

Members – free, non-members £3, families £5, students £2.

**Wells and Mendip Astronomers**



**Saturday 30 June 9.30am – 5pm – Creative Writing Workshop with Sonja Price, Nikki Copleston & Jan Ellis**

No matter how much or how little writing you have done, this friendly and informative workshop will help you to hone your skills and make your work the best it can be.

Workshop with tea & coffee included £45. Booking Essential

To book or for more information, contact [stellarscribes5@gmail.com](mailto:stellarscribes5@gmail.com)

## **TICKETS**

We are currently selling tickets for the following: -

### **Royal Bath & West Show**

Bath & West Showground 30 May – 2 June.

Tickets: Adults £22.00, 5-15yrs £6.00

**Two children go free with the purchase of an advance adult ticket**



**“In Concert” with The Good Afternoon Choirs – 7.30pm on Saturday**

7 July 2018 at St. Cuthbert's Church Tickets: Adults £10, Under 12's £6

**RNAS Yeovilton Air Day 2018 – Saturday 7 July 2018**

Tickets: Adults £24.00, 5-15yrs £7.00



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